

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4073
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LIVESTOCK DISEASES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have sought international assistance to tackle the various diseases affecting cattle population;
- (b) the names of the States where the problem is most endemic and prevalent to the equal of a calamity;
- (c) whether the Government have set up a task force to tackle this problem;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken to curb the diseases affecting livestock all over the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Under National Project on Rinderpest Eradication (NPRES) scheme, a sum of Rs. 21.86 crore was received from European Union (EU).
- (b): Rinderpest is not present in any State of the Country at present. The whole country is provisionally free with effect from 1st March, 1998.
- (c): No, Sir. At Government of India level, the scheme is monitored by Central Project Monitoring Unit and in the States/Union Territories, staff of the Directorates of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services implements the scheme.
- (d): Funds allocated under National Project on Rinderpest Eradication during 8th, 9th and 10th Plan are indicated below:

Plan Funds Allocated (Rs. Crores)

8th Plan	59.06	
9th Plan	39.71	
10th Plan (Proposed)		40.00

- (e): For controlling the animal diseases, the Government of India provides funds to the States and Union Territories for two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. 1) National Project on Rinderpest Eradication and ii) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.